



Incoming
Wayne

Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Permit No. M0070040

2 messages

oilsandscorp@earthlink.net <oilsandscorp@earthlink.net>

Mon, May 5, 2014 at 5:58 PM

Reply-To: oilsandscorp@earthlink.net

To: paulbaker@utah.gov, waynewestern@utah.gov

Dear Paul Baker and Wayne Western:

We learned this date of the referenced permit and have had no contact with the proposed operator/owner. In viewing the materials, we strongly object. If a formal objection is necessary, please email us a form. If we need to meet you in Salt Lake, we will be happy to do so.

William Batchelder, President

Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Tue, May 6, 2014 at 7:41 AM

To: oilsandscorp@earthlink.net

Cc: "Western, Wayne" <waynewestern@utah.gov>

I will print this message for the file and will also forward your message to the operator's consultant. A few things for you to be aware of:

1. We have notified the consultant for the prospective mine operator of an objection we received from Robert and Nancy Schonlau with Resources Associates LLC. The Schonlaus told us they have not yet been approached by the operator about leasing the property for which they, and apparently you, hold interest.
2. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will continue to review the mine application and will notify all mineral and surface owners when it issues a tentative decision to approve the application. There will then be a 30-day period in which anyone can file comments or a protest. Substantive comments are normally addressed by requiring the operator to change the plan. A protest can be heard in either a formal (before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining) or informal (normally before the Director of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining) hearing.
3. The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and associated rules require that an operator identify the owners of the surface and mineral estates where they plan to mine, but they do not require that the operator have right of entry. I realize this seems odd, but there are other laws forbidding trespass. In spite of this, it's an issue we're aware of, and we will absolutely try to be sure the operator has right of entry before issuing approval. Compliance with the Mined Land Reclamation Act DOES NOT relieve an operator from his responsibility to comply with requirements of any other laws.

I hope this helps. Let me know if you have other questions.

For your information, all of our public documents are available on the web at <http://linux1.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/mineralsfilesbypermitinfo.php>. Click on the permit number (M/007/0040 for Bruin Point) then the file you want to see. The user name and password are shown on the web site; they are both ogmquest.

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